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Southeast Phoenix Town Hall Receives Supreme Court Award

PHOENIX, The Southeast Phoenix's October Town Hall was recognized at the 2001 Supreme Court Achievement Awards Ceremony. It was praised for reaching out to the community and involving the public during a four-night event that attracted hundreds of citizens from South Phoenix.



The organizers of the Town Hall (from left: Ted Wilson, Arizona Supreme Court specialist VII, Rev. Oscar Tillman, Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Zlaket, Hon. Penny Willrich and Rev. Henrietta Williams) received the Connecting with the Community Award, an honor given for demonstrating substantial or creative contributions to implementing programs that improve how the

Arizona Judicial Department listens to communities; establishing effective methods of communications between citizens and courts; and by providing education or learning opportunities that increase public awareness about the court system.

In presenting the award, Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Zlaket commented that the Town Hall, "Generated a dialogue that addressed issues such as substance abuse, the lack of confidence in the court system, domestic violence, child abuse, school safety and police/law enforcement. This Town Hall provided a catalyst that lead to better communication between the community and the court system and provided a course of action to facilitate solutions to these issues while increasing public awareness about the court system."

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